

Congressman Childers Expresses Continued Support for Storm-Ravaged Communities in North Mississippi

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Washington, DC – Another round of storms hit North Mississippi this weekend, causing more damage, severe flooding, and deaths. Today, Congressman Travis Childers (MS-01) expressed his continued support for individuals and communities affected by the storms.

“The past ten days have been incredibly difficult for North Mississippi communities,” said Childers. “My heart goes out to the families of the victims killed in this weekend’s and last weekend’s devastating storms. Last week, the President announced a major disaster declaration for the state, sanctioning significant disaster assistance funding for counties throughout the region. As relief efforts progress, I will keep working with my fellow members of Mississippi’s congressional delegation, as well as local, state, and federal agencies, to ensure that our state continues to receive the resources it needs to recover.”

Last week, Congressman Childers visited storm-ravaged communities in Mississippi’s First Congressional District, and is continuing to tour damaged areas. Childers is working closely with the Governor’s office, MEMA, FEMA, local officials, and the American Red Cross as these agencies continue Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) for Individual Assistance in areas hit by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding May 1-2 and April 23-24.

On April 29, the President signed a major disaster declaration for the state, triggering the release of federal funds to help families and communities recover from the April 23-24 storms.

Residents of Attala, Choctaw, Holmes, Monroe, Union, and Yazoo Counties affected by the April 23-24 storms may register for federal emergency assistance programs online at <http://www.w.disasterassistance.gov> or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired. The toll-free telephone numbers will operate from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT, seven days a week, until further notice.

The Disaster Recovery Center is set up at the Weir Gymnasium, 265 Marion Kelly Dr., Weir. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. CT, seven days a week, until further notice.

Additional information is available on Congressman Childers' "Storm Assistance and Relief" page by clicking [here](#).

A pro-gun, pro-life Mississippian, Congressman Travis Childers (D-MS) represents the First Congressional District in North Mississippi. He is a member of the fiscally conservative Blue Dog Coalition and serves on the House Agriculture and Financial Services Committee. Congressman Childers co-chairs the reestablished bipartisan Congressional Rural Caucus and was appointed to the bipartisan Second Amendment Task Force. For more information, visit www.childers.house.gov